

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING  
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Sunday, December 11, 2005*

Call to order by President Samantha Drews of the Student Government Association at 7:11p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Present: Samantha Drews (President), Robert Skorczewski (Vice President), Brace Clement (Sergeant of Arms), John Morris (Treasurer), Sarah Doyle (Secretary), Senator Ryan Morrison (LAS), Senator Donzhella Alford (Graduate Studies), Senator Evan Wilson (PAA), Senator LaTrice Nettles (BUS), Senator Dan Johnson (Transfer), Senator Adam Beaty (Capital Scholars) Senator Matthew Riedle (At Large) and Senator Eric Cromer (At Large)

Not Present: Carrie Bauer (BOT) and Senator Ryan Morrison

Audience Members: Cynthia Thompson

**II. Administrative Reports**

*Cynthia Thompson: Dennis Shybe is here to set up cable and dvd on television in Student Life for campus use. Over break we will be working on installing the cable but cannot promise that it will be finished by the time students return to campus. The new campus television station has started and we are trying to get our side of campus set up for it. Thank you for the input on the movie to be shown when students return from break which will be SAW II. Thursday at 1:30 there will be a programming meeting to get input on the schedule for next year's Sangamon Auditorium options. Dave Taylor is going to be booking on January 17<sup>th</sup> so we want to get students input before then so the meeting will be held in the Student Life Office.*

*Finals week free coffee will begin at Capital Perks will run until SAC's budget runs out. There will also be a late night breakfast with free food and prizes donated from the Bookstore, food services and Sangamon Auditorium.*

*First week email will be sent out, the Involvement Expo is scheduled to be held January 23 so if any group would like a table, let me know.*

*Brace – when will SAW II be shown?*

*Cynthia – Tuesday at 7 and Thursday at 9:30*

*Eric Cromer – How does the schedule of Sangamon Auditorium work, is there a list for students to choose from?*

*Cynthia – Some things are already booked but there are others that David Taylor wants student input about.*

*Motion to suspend rules and allow Jim Korte to speak, motion by Sarah and second by Bob.*

*Jim Korte: Register before you leave for break.*

### **III. Officer Reports**

#### **A. President – S. Drews**

- *One application received for COSGA, Eric Cromer will be attending in Texas. Tyson last year had those who attended take good notes and collected them all into a binder to pass out for all member to see what happened.*
- *I will be in town up until Christmas and then in January so if anyone needs anything, I should be here.*

#### **B. Vice President – R. Skorczewski**

- *Nothing to report.*

#### **C. Secretary – S. Doyle**

- *Nothing to report.*

#### **D. Treasurer – J.B. Morris**

- *The Treasurer Reports for the semester will be presented later.*

#### **E. Sgt. at Arms – B. Clement**

- *Nothing to report.*

### **IV. Reports**

#### **A. Campus Senate – S. Doyle, R. Skorczewski, B. Clement**

- *Majority of what happened will be discussed later, major issues were lack of housing for incoming students of Fall 2006 and talk of second dorm through privatized company.*
- *There is a lot of confusion of who is going to take precedence and where the freshmen will live.*
- *As SGA representatives listen to complaints and concerns around campus.*

#### **B. SAC – B. Hudkins**

- *I did not hear back from her so I will work with her on getting a semester report.*

C. ICCB – N. Overcash

- *Total spent for Fall 2005 is \$12,424.00. We look forward to many more events coming up in the Spring. Some of the events for spring are in large amounts but those groups/clubs did not request anything from the fall.*
- *Sam – ICCB by-laws committee is underway and should be complete by next year.*

D. Committee on Committees – S. Doyle

- *Let us know that you are attending meetings and notify Sarah about committee schedules.*

**V. Old Business**

A. Fair-Trade Update

- *Resolution was presented to campus senate and there is a strong will for decaf coffee. On average they are selling nine cups of coffee a day. There is a strong consensus on the need to education students, faculty, and staff who buy coffee about fair trade to increase sales. I will work with Pat Langley and Ti-Fein as well as with the company to educate and let people know fair-trade coffee is there.*

B. Greek Life

- *Passed out a packet last week and asked everyone to talk to students on campus about Greek Life and concerns or suggestions. Most people want Greek Life but do not want to commit to it.*
- *Eric – only three of the four people I asked really wanted Greek Life to be brought to campus.*
- *Sam – difference in population you are sampling. traditional to non-traditional students. Non-traditional students have the been there done that attitude and the freshmen are a huge push on campus. We need to balance the concerns.*
- *Evan – what type of timeline?*
- *Sam – we have no timeline as of yet. Interest has increased because of the number of students who will be joining the campus next year.*

- *Donzhella – have you guys talked or met with any chapters?*
- *Jim – there are a few Springfield based chapters that we have looked into. There are already service groups here now. You can no longer look at the “if” but consider the “when and how.”*
- *Sam – the size of our campus and the power students have also is a concern.*
- *Brace – my problem is that our campus is not set up to have Greek life at this point. Administration is looking from one view and students are looking from another and they are not seeing eye to eye on the topic.*
- *Eric – the fact that we are not set up gives us a chance to be creative and set ourselves apart from other schools in terms of Greek Life. We can even draw attention to ourselves in a positive way.*
- *Evan – I think that the University needs to figure out which way it is going, if it is going to push more and more with the traditional students or if it is going to push again more with the non-traditional students.*

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Resolution on Public Affairs and Administration**

- *A resolution was passed around at campus senate against the decision or attempt to reallocate the colleges. College of CBM is untouchable because they are working on getting their accreditations. The two colleges they are trying to merge is that of Public Affairs and Administration and the College of Education and Human services (EHS). EHS is a small college that includes the teaching program and social work. We do not have representation from that college because it is so small. They are planning to move away from PAA and merge both colleges into that of EHS. PAA is one of the strongest colleges on campus and most alumni come from PAA. Something more is behind this and we are not sure what.*
- *Brace – We need to get Provost Harry Berman in here to explain what is going on because like you said, there is something more to this than we are being told.*

- Donzhella – as a graduate student, I heard that there is political stuff behind it and they are determined to put PAA under education. I agree with Brace that we need Harry to come here and explain it more to us.
- Bob – I do not think that we should vote on this tonight until we hear more but I was mad as well and the entire strategic plan is a push for liberal arts rather than PAA so we should wait to see.
- Jim – invite the provost in to talk about it would be the appropriate course of action.
- Cynthia – remember that you represent the students and you need to make decisions based on fact rather than hear say.
- Sam – talk to the students and hear their concerns over the issue. Harry Berman and Pat Langley will both be invited to our next meeting to hear what is going on and to ask questions to.
- Jim – IF you need to have a special meeting, you have the power to do so Samantha.
- Adam – there are a few grammatical issues in the resolution – lines 22-24, if you read them out loud, they sound confusing.
- Evan – line 13 there is an extra space
- Adam – line 31, is the coma after college necessary?
- Sam – No

## **VII. Audience Participation**

Jim Korte – *In the fall, we ran an info table during first week with staff, we were wondering if SGA would like to help with that in the spring. It would be from about 4:30 to 6 each day. The new athletic director Rodger Jehlicka is fully on board now.*

Cynthia – *Congratulate you on a wonderful semester and I am excited to see what next semester holds.*

## **VIII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Bob second by Donzhella.